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Re: SEQUENCE-BASED MUTATION ANALYSIS OF NEOPLASTIC  
TISSUE FOR DIAGNOSIS OR PROGNOSIS OF THE  
NEOPLASIA

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated March 23, 2004, the due date for response having been extended three (3) months to September 23, 2004 by petition herein, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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